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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Drawings:

At the Examiners' request drawings have been added.

In the claims:

Claims 2-4 have been added. Claim number 1 is unchanged.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 1st ¶, I humbly request that claim 1 remain unchanged for the following reason:

-- At the Examiners request the specification has been amended to clarify editorial omissions. --

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2nd ¶, I humbly request that claim 1 remain unchanged for the following reasons:

-- At the Examiners request the specification has been amended to clarify editorial omissions. --

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), citing Rabinowitz (US 4176291) and Nagy (US 4535861) as prior disclosure, I humbly request that claim 1 remain unchanged for the following reason:

-- At the Examiners request the specification has been amended to clarify editorial omissions. It further serves to negate the impression of prior art. --

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), citing Jeppson (US 4057736) as prior disclosure, I humbly request that claim 1 remain unchanged for the following reason:

-- Jeppson, although disclosing a system coupling an electric motor and electrical generator together, also discloses that the motive power for this system is derived from an external source of energy.

As this invention is not dependent upon an external source of energy for operation, it becomes clear that his disclosure does not serve as prior art. --.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), citing Kapich (US 5236305) as prior disclosure. I humbly request that claim 1 remain unchanged for the following reason:

-- Kapich also discloses a system that operates in accordance to convention. This reference is made when he refers to the need for an external source of energy with the statement "or internal combustion engines". He further reinforces this with his source of motive power being hydraulic in nature.

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As this invention is not dependent upon an external source of energy for operation, it becomes clear that this disclosure does not serve as prior art. ---

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is titled "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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